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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

21 February 1956

THROUGH : Project Contracting Officer

SUBJECT : Request for Teletype Service

REFERENCE : Memorandum to Project Director, 15 February 1956  
(SAPC 3835)

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1. I must accept your judgment for the need for classified communication between Westinghouse, Lockheed [REDACTED] Nevertheless, before approving the Westinghouse request for such a link, I would appreciate it if you would explore the problem with the Project Communications Officer to discover whether this requirement can be met without excess strain on the Office of Communications. I would suggest also that we agree to furnish a cryptographer for only a limited period of time. You are, of course, aware that no other supplier (except Lockheed) has access to classified communications facilities.

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2. I note the suggestion that the link would be established between Westinghouse and Burbank and that all messages would be relayed from Burbank [REDACTED] When you explore this matter with the Communications Officer, would you ascertain whether such an arrangement is really necessary.

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After all both [REDACTED] and Burbank are reached by way of commercial teletype channels. It is my understanding that classified communication is possible between any two stations so connected provided a cryptographer is available at each station. I would assume, therefore, that Westinghouse traffic could flow directly [REDACTED] without jeopardizing the security of communication. On the other hand, it may well be undesirable from a security point of view to link Westinghouse with any [REDACTED] activities. If this is the case then the arrangement you suggest would, of course, be appropriate.

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3. Subject to satisfactory exploration of the above matters, I am prepared to approve the request.

(sgd) Richard M. Bissell, Jr.

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.  
Project Director

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1-Addressee *cf. ag 1 Ref.*

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